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## Quay County Up and Doing.

### Over 2,000 New Settlers Secure Homesteads. Prospects Encouraging.

#### Rapid Increase in Population Necessitates Additional School Facilities.

Santa Fe New Mexican, in Jan. 16, 1907.

"Over two thousand new settlers pre-empted homesteads last year in Quay county. Within its borders are still hundreds of thousands of acres of public domain open to settlement. The influx of immigrants from the middle western states during the past twelve months has had the effect of creating a number of new school districts. Tucumcari is reaping benefits from the countryside that is rapidly becoming populous and is destined to be in the midst of a great agricultural region.

#### CAME ON PERSONAL BUSINESS.

"The foregoing is a synopsis of an interview last evening with District Attorney M. C. Mechem, of Tucumcari, who has been a visitor for several days in Santa Fe. He said that he did not care to discuss the object of his visit. However, he talked readily enough when the reporter broached the subject of the speedy growth of his home town and the surrounding country.

#### COUNTY LEADS IN IMMIGRATION.

"Mr. Mechem has seen the plains in all directions as far as the eye can reach around Tucumcari converted from an almost desert waste into fertile farms. He has seen this transformation take place within the space of a few years. Small wonder, then, that he is optimistic and enthusiastic as to the future of Quay county. He said he believed that it led all other counties of the territory in immigration last year, and that the influx of new settlers will be as large or larger this year. He said:

"I don't know exactly how many new settlers located in Quay county last year, but I am told that the number is in excess of 2,000. They are still coming, too. The Immigration lately has been mostly from Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, while previously it was from Texas and Oklahoma. These new settlers are a splendid class of people and are practical farmers for the most part. They generally have money saved up for the proverbial

rainy day, as is shown by the fact that the bank deposits in Tucumcari have increased fully two hundred per cent. within the past year and a new bank was established there recently.

#### LAND CULTIVATED WITHOUT IRRIGATION.

"The rainfall in Quay county during the year 1906, according to the government gauge, amounted to 18.4 inches. The bulk of the precipitation came during the months of June, July and August.

tlement of Quay county. Immigrants have been drawn there principally by others who settled on land and cultivated it with success. The Bureau of Immigration of the Territory has also done very good work in this respect, and its publications on New Mexico and Quay county which have been distributed liberally have served a very excellent purpose and have done much to attract attention and bring immigrants into Quay county.

A new town has sprung up on the plains about 35 miles east of Tucumcari. It has been named Grady. Although away from any railroad it is growing fast and the



Agricultural Exhibit Collected by Postmaster A. R. Carter, in the Lobby of the Tucumcari Post Office. Crops Grown Without Irrigation.

This insures a crop of such cereals and vegetables as we raise. Some fine crops were produced last season on fresh broken ground and all without irrigation. Indian corn measured out forty bushels to the acre in some fields. There has not been a crop failure in the locality to my knowledge for five years. Most of the land is sub-irrigated and in some places water is struck in digging post-holes.

#### PLENTY OF LAND LEFT.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent by promoters in colonizing the Texas Pan Handle. In Quay county there are something like half a million acres of the same kind of land which the people are going so wild over in Texas, and it is open to settlement under the homestead and desert land laws of the United States. No railroad company or other company have assisted in the set-

indications are that it will be a thriving village before long.

#### MANY NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS CREATED.

"At least 12 new school districts were created during last year in Quay county. There may have been more. This was made necessary by the large number of new settlers. An eight thousand dollar school house was erected two years ago in Tucumcari and the board of education is figuring on putting up another building to provide additional facilities. The school population of the town has doubled within a year.

"Tucumcari is naturally benefited by the settling of the country tributary. The merchants are doing a large business, and it is steadily increasing and the place is flourishing. The homeseekers coming and going also make business lively for hotels and restaur-

rants. I should say that two dozen dwelling houses are now in course of construction in Tucumcari.

"Something like eight new post-offices have been established in Quay county recently, as further evidence of its rapid growth."

#### Public Meeting.

For the purpose of re-organizing the Commercial Club and to consider many important matters pertaining to Tucumcari and Quay county; also to consider the improvement of our school facilities here and elsewhere in the county. Meeting to be held at the Court House on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p. m.

W. F. BUCHANAN, Pres.

THEO. W. HEMAN, Secy.

The new fixtures of the Stag Bar have arrived and are probably the nicest in the city.

M. W. Bates and E. J. Bates of Puerto, were business visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

We are getting right up-to-date now, a shooting gallery has arrived and is doing a land office business.

E. H. Fullwood was in the city yesterday and informs us that he is yet without a broom maker, and that his crop of broom corn is yet on his hands as a consequence.

H. M. Smith & Co. have sold out to W. B. Wood, a late arrival from Holdenville, I. T. The sale was made Wednesday. The fixtures went for \$800.00 and the stock at invoice prices.

Among the many modern things noticed about the new Israel block we see almost the first thing on entering the store, three of the very prettiest electric chandeliers manufactured. They add a great deal to the appearance of his already splendidly arranged store.

The Missouri legislature endorses President Roosevelt's dismissal of Negro troops. We don't know whether it makes any difference with the president what our opinion on this matter is, but his action in the premises suits us fully as well as if we had done the business ourself and if vested with his authority we would decapitate the commission of every mother son of them no matter whether they had been white, black or spotted. A sentence to 10 years service on the panama canal at hard labor would be giving them just about what is coming to them. There should be no sympathy for such villiany.